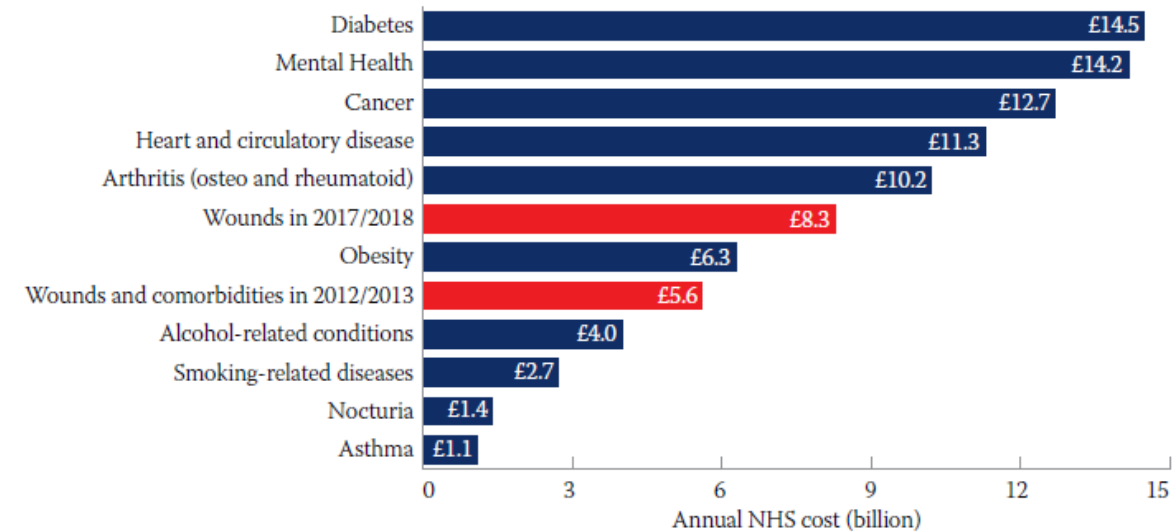


Wound Care Educational Resources for Community and Primary Care Nurses

Background

- There are estimated to be 3.8 million people living with a wound¹, many experiencing long-term pain, discomfort and poor quality of life related to their wound.
- Wound care in England costs approximately £8.3 billion per annum, the third highest expense for the NHS after cancer ²
 - £2.7 billion is associated with managing healed wounds
 - £5.6 billion is associated with managing unhealed wounds¹.
- In terms of practitioner time, this equates to 54.4 million district or community nurse visits per year, 28.1 million practice nurse appointments and 53.6 million healthcare support worker visits¹.
- Most wound care takes place in the community - accounting for 50% or more of community nursing time.
- There is unwarranted variation in the treatment of wounds, with underuse of evidence-based practice and overuse of ineffective interventions.

Burden of illness league table at 2017/18 prices



1. Guest JF, Fuller GW, Vowden P (2020), Cohort study evaluating the burden of wounds to the UK's National Health Service in 2017/2018: update from 2012/2013, BMJ Open <https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/10/12/e045253>

2. Guest, J. F. (2020). "Burden of wounds to the NHS: what has changed since 2012/13?" *Wounds UK* 17(1): 10-15.

The National Wound Care Strategy Programme (NWCSP)

- Commissioned by NHS England as an outcome of the Guest et al Burden of Wounds study ¹

- Established in 2018 to address:

- the **unwarranted variation** in wound care services
- lack of **robust wound care information**
- inadequate levels of wound care knowledge and skills across the health workforce

and help systems to:

- improve wound healing
- prevent harm and **reduce patient suffering**
- increase **staff productivity**
- deliver **financial savings** to the NHS

focusing on:

- lower limb wounds
- pressure ulcers
- surgical wound complications.

LOWER LIMB WOUNDS

37% of all wounds and 71% of NHS spend on wound care¹

SURGICAL WOUND COMPLICATIONS

14% of all wounds and 7% of NHS spend on wound care¹

PRESSURE ULCERS

5% of all wounds and 7% of NHS spend on wound care¹

1. Guest, J.F., G.W. Fuller, and P. Vowden, *Cohort study evaluating the burden of wounds to the UK's National Health Service in 2017/2018: update from 2012/2013*. BMJ Open, 2020. **10**(12): p. e045253.

Key Messages

- It is vital General Practice nurses/community nursing teams have attained the appropriate wound care competencies for their role.
- Wound care should not be viewed as a separate clinical issue but as an integral part of the holistic assessment, including optimisation of long-term conditions which cause or contribute to wounding and delayed/non-healing.
- Failure to diagnose wound type, leads to potential delays in providing patients with appropriate evidence-based treatment pathways, which could result in delayed/non healing and/or secondary complications.
- It is important that General Practice nurses/community nursing teams are up to date with information on wound care and use this in care planning with patients to maximize their potential for wound healing.
- It is vital to collaborate between Primary Care, community and the wider systems, where appropriate, to mitigate the risk of barriers to care and improve access/equity to achieving best practice.
- To ensure we have robust services to meet the needs of our populations, evaluation of wound care activity should be part of commissioning discussions to secure appropriate future provision.

Core Capabilities Framework

The framework articulates core capabilities necessary for safe and effective care. The capabilities (i.e., skills, knowledge, and behaviours) described in the framework are defined at 3 tiers.

Each tier articulates the minimum and core capability to be expected as opposed to the maximum:

- **Tier 1**: Capabilities that require a general understanding and that support provision of primary care/general practice nursing.
- **Tier 2**: Capabilities that enable the provision of care more independently and a degree of critical analysis.
- **Tier 3**: Capabilities that require an ability to provide care autonomously and independently, an ability to lead practice, operating at the cutting edge of innovation.

More information is available [here](#)

- Health Education England, NHS England / NHS Improvement and Skills for Health (2021) *Primary Care and General Practice Nursing Career and Core Capabilities Framework*.

	Support Work Level Practice	Nursing Associate Level/Assistant Level Practice	Registered Nurse level	Registered Nurse: Enhanced Level Practice	Registered Nurse: Advanced Level Practice	Registered Nurse: Consultant Level Practice
Capability 1. Communication and consultation skills	Tier 1	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 3
Capability 2. Practising holistically to personalise care and promote public and person health	Tier 1	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 3
Capability 3. Working with colleagues and in teams	Tier 1	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 3
Capability 4. Maintaining an ethical approach and fitness to practice	Tier 1	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 3
Capability 5. Information gathering and interpretation	Tier 1	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 3
Capability 6. Clinical examination and procedural skills	Tier 1	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 3
Capability 7. Making a diagnosis			Tier 2	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 3
Capability 8. Clinical management		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 3
Capability 9. Managing medical and clinical complexity		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 3
Capability 10. Independent prescribing and pharmacotherapy		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 3
Capability 11. Leadership, management and organisation		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 3
Capability 12. Education and development		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 3
Capability 13. Research and evidence based practice		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 3
Capability 14. Strategic Management						Tier 3

Role Level Descriptor	Tier	Qualifications	Skills and Application of Knowledge and Scope of Practice Lower limb
Health Care Assistant or Support Worker	1	Introduction or awareness course, 1–3-day duration. This should be independent and objective. Period of supervised practice from RN/ANP until deemed competent/proficient within scope of practice. Will always require indirect supervision, at times will need direct supervision post training in practice.	Skin care (hygiene and emollient application). Basic wound bed preparation including cleansing and mechanical debridement. Application of dressings as per a care plan prepared by a professional registrant (NMC or equivalent). Apply compression therapy such as inelastic and elastic compression bandages. Measure for “ready to wear” compression hosiery where clinically indicated.
Nursing Associate/ Assistant Practitioner	1 and 2	An introductory course in lower limb management, 2 – 5 days duration. This should be independent and objective. Period of supervised practice from RN/ANP until deemed competent/proficient within scope of practice. Will mainly require indirect supervision, at times will need direct supervision. Training may be led by specialist nurses within provider service such as TVN or equivalent. This may be external provider education and have a quality marker such as a University, Society, Royal College of Nursing or equivalent accreditation or endorsement.	Undertake a Doppler / ABPI upon the recommendation of a Registered Nurse (or equivalent), who has assessed the patient for suitability. Collaborate with a Registered Nurse (or equivalent) to discuss and interpret the results of the lower limb assessment and to develop a treatment plan. Apply compression therapy such as inelastic and elastic compression bandages. Measure for “ready to wear” and “made to measure” hosiery, leg ulcer kits and wraps.

Role Level Descriptor	Tier	Qualifications	Skills and Application of Knowledge and Scope of Practice Lower limb
RN	2	A course in lower limb management, 3 – 10 days duration. This should be independent and objective. Period of peer support from RN/ANP until competent/proficient within scope of practice. Training may be led by specialist nurses within provider service such as TVN or equivalent. Frequently this will be external provider education and have a quality marker such as a University, Society, Royal College of Nursing or equivalent accreditation or endorsement.	Holistic patient assessment, including vascular assessment; ABPI/TBPI. Referral for further intervention from specialist teams as appropriate. Diagnosis and treatment planning using a variety of compression therapies. Supervising capacity for junior or new members of staff. Leadership of lower limb management in practice setting for audit work and policy creation. Optional: Independent Prescribing Advanced clinical skills Conservative sharp debridement
Enhanced Level (TVN/specialist) ANP	3 3	Level 7 advanced lower limb management module or equivalent. Lower limb specific course at Level 7 or equivalent in advanced techniques or enhanced clinical practice. Period of peer support from RN/ANP until competent/proficient within scope of practice. Provider of education will have a quality marker such as a University, Society, Royal College of Nursing or equivalent accreditation or endorsement.	Service development/improvement, education, research, leadership Introduce new techniques, lead change Consultation skills – history taking, differential diagnosis Direct referrals

Role Level Descriptor	Tier	Qualifications	Skills and Application of Knowledge and Scope of Practice
Health Care Assistant or Support Worker	1	Introduction or awareness course in surgical wound complications and wound infection, half day duration is the minimum recommended course length. Training may be led by specialist nurses within provider service such as TVN or equivalent. This should be independent and objective and incorporate the NWCSP recommendations. Period of supervised practice from RN/ANP until deemed competent/proficient within scope of practice. Will always require indirect supervision, at times will need direct supervision post training in practice.	Awareness of the early surgical wound complications for escalation to 999; Post-operative haemorrhage Catastrophic dehiscence exposing internal organs Awareness of intermediate surgical wound complications for escalation to RN/ANP; Systemic signs of infection/sepsis Spreading infection Local infection Dehiscence when surgery involves implants/exposed implants Apply Aseptic Non-Touch Technique (ANTT) Basic wound bed preparation. Application of dressings as per care plan prepared by a professional registrant (NMC or equivalent).
Nursing Associate/ Assistant Practitioner	1 and 2	Introduction or awareness course in surgical wound complications and wound infection, half day duration is the minimum recommended course length. Training may be led by specialist nurses within provider service such as TVN or equivalent. This should be independent and objective and incorporate the NWCSP recommendations. This may be external provider education and have a quality marker such as a University, Society, Royal College of Nursing or equivalent accreditation or endorsement. Period of supervised practice from RN/ANP until deemed competent/proficient within scope of practice. Will mainly require indirect supervision, at times will need direct supervision.	Awareness and understanding of the early surgical wound complications for escalation to 999; Post-operative haemorrhage Catastrophic dehiscence exposing internal organs Awareness and understanding of intermediate surgical wound complications for escalation to RN/ANP; Systemic signs of infection/sepsis Spreading infection Local infection Dehiscence when surgery involves implants/exposed implants Collaborate with a Registered Nurse (or equivalent) to develop a treatment plan. Apply Aseptic Non-Touch Technique (ANTT) Basic wound bed preparation including cleansing and mechanical debridement. Application of dressings as per care plan prepared by a professional registrant (NMC or equivalent).

Role Level Descriptor	Tier	Qualifications	Skills and Application of Knowledge and Scope of Practice
RN	2	Surgical wound complications and wound infection course, half day duration is the minimum recommended course length Training may be led by specialist nurses within provider service such as TVN or equivalent. This should be independent and objective and incorporate the NWCSP Surgical Wound complications recommendations. Frequently this will be external provider education and have a quality marker such as a University, Society, Royal College of Nursing or equivalent accreditation or endorsement. Period of peer support from senior nurse/ANP until competent/proficient within scope of practice.	Full understanding of the early surgical wound complications for escalation to 999; Post-operative haemorrhage Catastrophic dehiscence exposing internal organs Full understanding of the management of intermediate surgical wound complications and able to plan care appropriately ; Systemic signs of infection/sepsis Spreading infection Local infection Dehiscence when surgery involves implants/exposed implants Apply Aseptic Non-Touch Technique (ANTT) Supervising capacity for junior or new members of staff. Leadership of Surgical Site Infection (SSI) prevention in practice setting for audit work and policy creation. Optional: Independent Prescribing Advanced clinical skills Conservative sharp debridement
Enhanced Level (TVN/specialist)	3	Level 7 advanced wound management course or equivalent. Period of peer support from senior supervisor until competent/proficient within scope of practice.	Service development/improvement, education, research, leadership Introduce new techniques, lead change Consultation skills – history taking, differential diagnosis
ANP	3	Provider of education will have a quality marker such as a University, Society, Royal College of Nursing or equivalent accreditation or endorsement.	Direct referrals

Role Level Descriptor	Tier	Qualifications	Skills and Application of Knowledge and Scope of Practice
Health Care Assistant or Support Worker	1	Introduction or pressure ulcer awareness course, ,half day duration is the minimum recommended course length This should be independent and objective but should follow the NWCSP pressure ulcer core curriculum "Fundamental level". Training may be led by specialist practitioners within provider service such as TVN/AHP or equivalent. Period of supervised practice from RN/ANP/AHP until deemed competent/proficient within scope of practice. Will always require indirect supervision, at times will need direct supervision post training in practice.	Undertake Initial screening/Identify risks of pressure ulcer development for escalation to RN/ANP/AHP Awareness of the *aSSKINg framework and your role; *Assessment (of risk) Skin inspection Surface (equipment) Keep moving (repositioning) Incontinence (moisture) Nutrition Giving of information Basic wound bed preparation. Application of dressings as per care plan prepared by a professional registrant (NMC or equivalent).
Nursing Associate/ Assistant Practitioner	1 and 2	A pressure ulcer prevention and management course, at least 1 hour duration. This should be independent and objective but should follow the NWCSP pressure ulcer core curriculum "Intermediate level". Training may be led by specialist practitioners within provider service such as TVN/AHP or equivalent. This may be external provider education and have a quality marker such as a University, Society, Royal College of Nursing or equivalent accreditation or endorsement. Period of supervised practice from RN/ANP/AHP until deemed competent/proficient within scope of practice. Will mainly require indirect supervision, at times will need direct supervision.	Understanding aetiology of pressure ulcer development Undertake initial risk screening +/- pressure ulcer risk assessment using a recognised tool . Purpose T (adult/paediatric) is the recommended tool (other tools may be in use). Collaborate with a RN/ANP/AHP. RN will interpret the results of the risk assessment and develop a management plan. Understanding of the aSSKINg Framework and your role Basic wound bed preparation including cleansing and mechanical debridement. Application of dressings as per care plan prepared by a professional registrant (NMC or equivalent).

Role Level Descriptor	Tier	Qualifications	Skills and Application of Knowledge and Scope of Practice
RN	2	A pressure ulcer prevention and management course at least 3 hours duration. This should be independent and objective but should follow the NWCSP pressure ulcer core curriculum “Intermediate level”. Training may be led by specialist nurses within provider service such as TVN/AHP or equivalent. This may be external provider education and have a quality marker such as a University, Society, Royal College of Nursing or equivalent accreditation or endorsement. Period of peer support from RN/ANP/AHP until competent/proficient within scope of practice.	Undertake initial risk screening +/- pressure ulcer risk assessment using a recognised tool. Purpose T (adult/paediatric) is the recommended tool (other tools may be in use). Full understanding of the aSSKING framework and aetiology of pressure ulcer development. Develop care plans for prevention/treatment/management of pressure ulcers. Supervising capacity for junior or new members of staff. Leadership of pressure ulcer prevention in practice setting for audit work and policy creation. Optional: Independent Prescribing Advanced clinical skills Conservative sharp debridement
Enhanced Level (TVN/specialist)	3	Level 7 advanced wound management course or equivalent. This should be independent and objective but should follow the NWCSP pressure ulcer core curriculum “Advanced level”.	As above Service development/improvement, education, research, leadership
ANP	3	Period of peer support from senior clinical supervisor until competent/proficient within scope of practice. Provider of education will have a quality marker such as a University, Society, Royal College of Nursing or equivalent accreditation or endorsement.	Introduce new techniques, lead change Consultation skills – history taking, differential diagnosis Direct referrals

NWCSP Wound Care Education for the Health and Care Workforce Programme for Tier 1

- Essentials of Skin Care
- Essentials of Wound Assessment
- Essentials of Leg Ulceration
- Essentials of the Foot at Risk
- Essentials of Digital Wound Imaging
- Essentials of Pressure Ulcer Prevention
- Granulation Game
- Nutrition and Lifestyle Considerations
- Pressure Ulcer Risk Assessment – Purpose T
- Essentials of Surgical Wounds
- Essentials of Wound Infection*

*coming soon



Education for Tier 1 continued

- Wound assessment and management [Wound Assessment and Management training course \(acceleratecic.com\)](https://www.acceleratecic.com/training/wound-assessment-and-management)
- Understanding topical antimicrobials in wound care [Understanding topical antimicrobials in wound care training course \(acceleratecic.com\)](https://www.acceleratecic.com/training/understanding-topical-antimicrobials-in-wound-care)
- Wound assessment and management for clinicians working in general practice and primary care [Wound Assessment and Management training course \(acceleratecic.com\)](https://www.acceleratecic.com/training/wound-assessment-and-management-general-practice)

NWCSP Wound Care Education for the Health and Care Workforce Programme for Tier 2

- The Foot at Risk
- Choosing the right compression therapy
- Dressing wounds
- An introduction to wound debridement
- Vascular assessment of the lower limb
- Diagnosing and managing wound infection*
- Managing open surgical wounds*
- Managing surgical wound complications*

*coming soon



Education for Tier 2 continued

Tier 2

- Developing skills in leg ulcer management [Developing skills in leg ulcer management training RCN course for nurses \(acceleratecic.com\)](#)
- Introduction to chronic oedema management [Introduction to chronic oedema management skills \(acceleratecic.com\)](#)
- Fundamental Clinical Skills – General wound care [Fundamental Clinical Skills – General Wound Care • City, University of London](#)

Education for Tier 3

	HE Institution	Wound Care Education Courses [‡]	Level of Study / Award	Duration of Study (where known)
1	Anglia Ruskin University	Wound Management Continuing Professional Development (short course) https://aru.ac.uk/study/professional-and-short-courses/wound-management	Level 6 and 7 30 credits	12 Weeks
		Surgical Care Practice https://www.aru.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/surgical-care-practice	MSc, PG Cert, PG Dip	2 Years (Part Time)
2	Birmingham City University	Tissue Viability (Professional Practice) https://www.bcu.ac.uk/courses/cpd-tissue-viability	Degree (Level 6) Grad Cert / BSc (Year 1)	1 year
			BSc Hons (Year 2)	2 years
		Wound Healing and Tissue Repair https://www.bcu.ac.uk/nursing-and-midwifery/courses/wound-healing-and-tissue-repair-msc-2023-24	Level 7 120/140 credits	Part Time
		Pressure Ulcers: Prevention and Treatment Pressure Ulcers: Prevention and Treatment - 20 Credits - Module Only - 2019/20 Entry Birmingham City University (bcu.ac.uk)	CPD 20 credits	Short Course
3	Buckinghamshire New University	Advancing Practice in Peripheral Vascular Disease - MSC https://www.bcu.ac.uk/courses/advancing-practice-in-peripheral-vascular-disease-msc-2023-24	Postgraduate MSC 180 credits	Distance Learning
		Principles of Wound Care Principles of Wound Care Buckinghamshire New University (bucks.ac.uk)	Level 6 and 7 20 credits or Non-credit bearing option	15 weeks

	HE Institution	Wound Care Education Courses*	Level of Study / Award	Duration of Study (where known)
4	Cardiff University	MSc in Wound Healing and Tissue Repair https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/taught/courses/course/wound-healing-and-tissue-repair-msc-part-time Wound Healing Foundation Modules: (Foundation in Diabetic Foot Ulcer Management, Foundation in Leg Ulcer Management, Foundation in Pressure Ulcer Management). https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/taught/standalone-modules/wound-healing Advanced Surgical Practice (MSc) https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/taught/courses/course/advanced-surgical-practice-msc-part-time	Level 7 180 Credits Level 6 30 credits/module Level 7 180 Credits	3 years 18 weeks/module 2 Years (Part Time)
5	Edge Hill University	Surgical Care Practice MSC https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/course/surgical-care-practice/	Level 7	2 Years(Full Time)
6	Kingston University London	BSc (Hons) Clinical Practice (Tissue Viability) https://www.uwl.ac.uk/course/undergraduate/bsc-professional-practice-top-up-london?redirect=1&source=course/professional-practice-top/34632&start=182&option=34	Level 6	1-3 years (Part Time)

	HE Institution	Wound Care Education Courses*	Level of Study / Award	Duration of Study (where known)
7	King's College London	Tissue Viability Level 6 https://www.kcl.ac.uk/short-courses/tissue-viability-level-6-6knin319	Level 6	4 days (spread over 7 weeks)
		Tissue Viability Level 7 https://www.kcl.ac.uk/short-courses/tissue-viability-level-7-7knim717	Level 7	4 days (spread over 7 weeks)
8	Leeds Beckett University/ Accelerate	Advanced Wound Management and Sharp Debridement Advanced Wound Management and Sharp Debridement CPD Courses Leeds Beckett University	Level 7	3 Months Blended Learning
9	Liverpool John Moore's University	Advancing Tissue Viability CPD Advancing Tissue Viability CPD course Liverpool John Moores University (ljmu.ac.uk)	Level 6 20 credits	12 weeks
		Advanced Wound Care CPD Advanced Wound Care CPD course Liverpool John Moores University (ljmu.ac.uk)	Level 7 20 Credits	1 Semester
10	University of Huddersfield	Leg Ulcer Management (Distance Learning) https://courses.hud.ac.uk/part-time/postgraduate/leg-ulcer-management-distance-learning-masters	Level 7 30 Credits	1 year
		Tissue Viability and Wound Management (Distance Learning) https://courses.hud.ac.uk/part-time/postgraduate/tissue-viability-and-wound-management-distance-learning-masters	Level 7 30 Credits	1 year

	HE Institution	Wound Care Education Courses*	Level of Study / Award	Duration of Study (where known)
11	University of Central Lancashire	The Principles and Practice of Tissue Viability https://www.uclan.ac.uk/courses/nu3193_the_principles_and_practice_of_tissue_viability.php Leg Ulcer Care and Management Level 6 https://www.uclan.ac.uk/cpd/courses/leg-ulcer-care-management-level6 Leg Ulcer Care and Management Level 7 Care & Management of Leg Ulcers - Level 7, Short Course - UCLan	Level 6 20 credits Level 6 20 credits Level 7 20 Credits	12 weeks 10 days over 10 weeks 10 Weeks
12	University of Glasgow	Specialist Lymphoedema Management – 2 routes: • Advanced Lymphoedema Management • Specialist Lymphoedema Management https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/medicine/nursing/cpd/slm/	Postgraduate Graduate Certificate (60 credits) or Graduate Certificate (120 credits)	
13	University of Hertfordshire	MSc Clinical Skin Integrity and Wound Management https://www.herts.ac.uk/courses/msc-clinical-skin-integrity-and-wound-management	Level 7 180 Credits	Blended Learning
14	University of Northampton	The Lower Limb at Risk https://www.northampton.ac.uk/courses/the-lower-limb-at-risk/	Level 7 20 Credits	3 Months (Part Time)

	HE Institution	Wound Care Education Courses [‡]	Level of Study / Award	Duration of Study (where known)
15	University of Plymouth	PgDip/MSc Surgical Care Practitioner https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/study/cpd/surgical-care-practitioner	PgDip/MSc Level 7	2 Years
16	University of Salford	MSc Nursing Practice (Tissue Viability) https://beta.salford.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/nursing Tissue Viability Module https://beta.salford.ac.uk/courses/single-module/tissue-viability-level-6-20-credits Leg Ulcer Management https://www.salford.ac.uk/courses/single-module/leg-ulcer-management-level-7-30-credits	Level 7 Level 6 20 credits Level 7 30 credits	1 year (Full Time) 3 years (Part Time) 16 weeks Part Time
17	University of South Wales	Principles of Wound Management https://www.southwales.ac.uk/study/cpd-courses-in-healthcare/principles-of-wound-management/	Level 6 40 credits	14 weeks
18	University of Sunderland	Postgraduate Certificate in Tissue Viability https://www.sunderland.ac.uk/study/short-courses-cpd/postgraduate-certificate-tissue-viability/#:~:text=Continuing%20Professional%20Development, Course%20structure,of%20synchronous%20and%20asynchronous%20learning.	Level 7	Part Time

	HE Institution	Wound Care Education Courses [¥]	Level of Study / Award	Duration of Study (where known)
19	Wrexham Glyndŵr University	Principles of Wound Care (Short Course) https://glyndwr.ac.uk/courses/short-courses/principles-of-wound-care/	Level 6/7 20 credits	5 days
20	National University of Ireland - Galway	Master/Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences (Wound Healing and Tissue Repair) — full time and top up http://www.nuigalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses/wound-healing-tissue-repair.html	Postgraduate Diploma Masters NFQ level 9 (90** ECTS)	1 year (Full Time) 2 years (Full Time)
21	Queen's University Belfast	Pressure Ulcer Management https://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofNursingandMidwifery/Study/ContinuingProfessionalDevelopment/StandAloneModules/courses/ManagementofPressureUlcers.html Tissue Repair and Regeneration https://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofNursingandMidwifery/Study/ContinuingProfessionalDevelopment/StandAloneModules/courses/TissueRepairandRegeneration.html	Level 3 and Level 7 20 credits	12 weeks
22	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland - Dublin	Wound Management and Tissue Viability (Certificate) https://www.rcsi.com/dublin/postgraduate/taught-courses/wound-management-and-tissue-viability-cert/why-rcsi-dublin Wound Management and Tissue Viability (Diploma) https://www.rcsi.com/online/courses/wound-management-and-tissue-viability-pd/why-rcsi-online	PG Cert 30 credits PG Diploma 60 credits	6 months (Part Time) 1 year

	HE Institution or provider	Wound Care Education Courses‡	Level of Study / Award	Duration of Study (where known)
23	Accelerate Academy a social enterprise	Advanced practice in lower limb ulceration RCN Advanced Practice in Lower Limb Ulceration training course (acceleratecic.com)	RCN accredited	2 days
24	Accelerate Academy a social enterprise	Sharp debridement in wound management Sharp debridement in wound management 2-day course endorsed by SoTV (acceleratecic.com)	Society of Tissue Viability endorsed	2 days

‡ Based on an internet search 13.12.2023, **ECTS European Credit Transfer System.

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Useful Resources

please note this list is not exhaustive

Education Frameworks/Curricula:

- The European Wound Management Association - [Educational materials & curricula](#)
- NWCSP/Skills for Health. 2023. National Wound Care Workforce Framework - [National Wound Care Workforce Framework for England](#)
- NHS Improvement. 2018. [Pressure-ulcer-core-curriculum.pdf \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)

Patient Information Resources/Leaflets:

- Legs Matter. Information and support for leg and foot problems: <https://legsmatter.org/information-and-support/>
- National Wound Care Strategy Programme. Wound Care Patient Resources: <https://www.nationalwoundcarestrategy.net/wound-care-patient-resources/>

National Guidance and Recommendations:

- NWCSP. 2024. Lower Limb Recommendations Suite. <https://www.nationalwoundcarestrategy.net/lower-limb/>
- NWCSP. 2024. Pressure Ulcer Recommendations. <https://www.nationalwoundcarestrategy.net/pressure-ulcer/>
- NWCSP. 2024. Surgical Wound Complications Recommendations. <https://www.nationalwoundcarestrategy.net/surgical-wounds/>

- NICE (NG125) Surgical site infections: prevention and treatment [Overview | Surgical site infections: prevention and treatment | Guidance | NICE](#)
- NICE (NG51) [Suspected sepsis: recognition, diagnosis and early management \(nice.org.uk\)](#)
- NICE (CG179) Pressure ulcers: prevention and management [Overview | Pressure ulcers: prevention and management | Guidance | NICE](#)
- NICE. 2012. Peripheral arterial disease: diagnosis and management [CG147]. <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg147/>
- NICE. 2019. Diabetic foot problems: prevention and management NICE guideline [NG19] <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng19>
- Wound Care Education for the Health and Care Workforce Programme <https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/wound-care-education-for-the-health-and-care-workforce/>

Other useful resources/organisations:

- European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel <https://epuap.org/>
- International Skin Tear Advisory Panel [Home | International Skin Tear Advisory Panel \(skintears.org\)](#)
- Legs Matter. <https://legsmatter.org/>
- The Society of Tissue Viability - [The Society of Tissue Viability | Formerly known as the TVS](#)

For more information...

- Many ICSs offer free training to primary care staff. Every practice and PCN will have access to Training Hub resources and guidance. There are 42 at Integrated Care System (ICS) level, with several locality hubs that help support links between practices and PCNs. Click [here](#) to find your local Training Hub.
- Community staff will usually be able to access wound care education from their local specialist service (e.g. Tissue Viability Service).
- Wound care education courses will need to be consolidated in practice. Practitioners will need sufficient opportunities to develop and maintain competence in wound care.
- The NHS [knowledge and library hub](#) connects healthcare staff and trainees to a significant range of high-quality knowledge and evidence resources, services, tools, and databases. Accessed using NHS [OpenAthens](#) or through a local NHS Health library, it's a good resource for GPs Community nurses and practice staff.



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